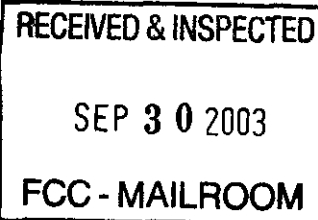


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RE: CERTIFICATION OF THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION THAT ALL  
FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT PROVIDED TO **RURAL CARRIERS** IN  
WYOMING IS USED ONLY FOR THE PROVISION, MAINTENANCE, AND  
UPGRADING OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR WHICH THE SUPPORT IS  
INTENDED (CC DOCKET NO. 96-45)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WPSC) hereby submits, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, its annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires that the appropriate state regulatory authority annually certify those rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, within their jurisdiction, for purposes of receiving federal universal service fund support.

The WPSC has solicited from its jurisdictional rural incumbent local exchange carriers, their respective affidavits that set forth the manner in which federal universal service support funds have been used, and will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. The respective affidavits will be made available to the FCC and /or USAC upon request.

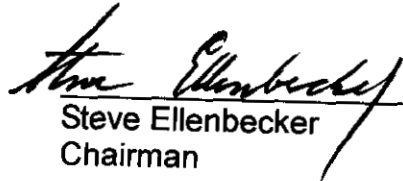
As the appropriate state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia*, the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the WPSC hereby identifies the following rural incumbent local exchange carriers as being eligible for federal universal service support funds:

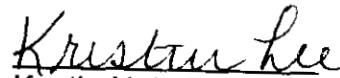
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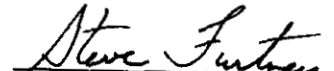
<b><u>Companies</u></b>	<b><u>Study Area Code</u></b>
<b>All West Communications, Inc.</b>	<b>512290</b>
<b>CenturyTel of Wyoming, Inc.</b>	<b>512299</b>
<b>Chugwater Telephone Company</b>	<b>512289</b>
<b>Columbine Telephone Company d/b/a Teton Telecom</b>	<b>462204</b>
<b>Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.</b>	<b>512291</b>
<b>Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.</b>	<b>391659</b>
<b>Project Telephone Company</b>	<b>482250</b>
<b>RT Communications, Inc.</b>	<b>512251</b>
<b>Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.</b>	<b>512251</b>
<b>Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc.</b>	<b>512295</b>
<b>Tri-County Telephone Association (Comprised of Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., and TCT WEST, Inc.)</b>	<b>512296</b>
<b>Union Telephone Company</b>	<b>512297</b>
<b>United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a Sprint</b>	<b>511595</b>

Based upon the representations contained in the affidavits submitted by these rural carriers, and the Commission's general knowledge of the operations and facilities of these rural carriers, the Commission certifies that these identified carriers will only use the federal universal service support funds for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop support (HCL), Local Switching Support (LSS), High Cost Model support (HCM), Hold Harmless support (HH), and high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges.

Sincerely,

  
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